UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

OSCAR GUZMAN-MARTINEZ,
individually and on behalf of all others
similarly situated,

Civil Action No.

Plaintiff,

CLASS ACTION

v.

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS

DESKTOP METAL, INC., RIC FULOP, JAMES HALEY, and ALI EL-SIBLANI

Jury Trial Demanded

Defendants.

Plaintiff Oscar Guzman-Martinez ("Plaintiff"), by and through his attorneys, alleges upon personal knowledge as to himself, and upon information and belief as to all other matters, based upon the investigation conducted by and through his attorneys, which included, among other things, a review of documents filed by Defendants (as defined below) with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), news reports, press releases issued by Defendants, and other publicly available documents, as follows:

NATURE AND SUMMARY OF THE ACTION

- 1. This is a federal securities class action on behalf of all investors who purchased or otherwise acquired Defendant Desktop Metal, Inc. ("Desktop Metal" or the "Company") common stock between February 17, 2021 and November 15, 2021, inclusive (the "Class Period"). This action is brought on behalf of the Class for violations of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b) and 78t(a) and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by the SEC, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5.
- 2. Desktop Metal purports to offer additive manufacturing, commonly referred to as 3D printing, technologies focused on the production of end use parts. The Company claims to offer

- a portfolio of integrated 3D printing manufacturing solutions for engineers, designers and manufactures comprised of hardware, software, materials and services.
- 3. On February 16, 2021, the Company acquired EnvisionTEC, Inc. and certain of its affiliates (collectively, "EnvisionTEC"), a provider of volume production photpolymer 3D printing solutions for end use parts.
- 4. On November 8, 2021, after the market closed, Desktop Metal disclosed that it was conducting an internal investigation into certain matters, including "manufacturing and product compliance practices and procedures with respect to a subset of its photopolymer equipment and materials at its EnvisionTec US LLC facility." The Company also stated that the Chief Executive Officer of EnvisionTec had resigned.
- 5. On this news, the Companies stock price fell \$0.39 or 4%, to close at \$8.81 per share on November 9, 2021.
- 6. Then, on November 15, 2021, after the market closed, the Company stated that it would notify the U.S. Food & Drug Administration ("FDA") of "compliance issues with certain shipments of EnvisionTec's Flexcera dental resins and its PCA4000 curing box."
- 7. On this news, the Company's stock fell \$1.19, or 15% to close at \$6.83 per share on Novmeber 16, 2021, on unusually heavy trading volume.
- 8. During the Class Period, and unbeknownst to investors, Desktop Metal made materially false and/or misleading statements and/or failed to disclose material adverse facts about the Company's business, operations, and prospects. Specifically, Defendants failed to disclose: (1) that there were deficiencies in EnvisionTEC's manufacturing and product compliance practices and proceudres; (2) that the foregoing deficiencies presented a material risk to the commercialization of EnvisionTEC's products; and (3) that, as result of the forgoing, Defendants'

positive statements about the Company's business, operations, and prospect were materially misleading and/or lacked a reasonable basis.

9. As a result of Defendants' wrongful acts and omissions, and the precipitous decline in the market value of the Company's securities, Plaintiff and other Class members have suffered significant losses and damages.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 10. The federal law claims asserted herein arise under §§ 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b) and 78t(a), and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by the SEC, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5.
- 11. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and § 27 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78aa.
- 12. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to § 27 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78aa and 28 U.S.C. § 1931(b). Desktop Metal is headquartered in this district, and many of the acts charged herein, including the dissemination of materially false and misleading information, occurred in substantial part in this District.
- 13. In connection with the acts alleged in this complaint, Defendants, directly or indirectly, used the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, including, but not limited to, the mails, interstate telephone communications and the facilities of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), a national securities exchange.

PARTIES

14. Plaintiff Oscar Guzman-Martinez is an individual residing in Cocoa, Florida. Plaintiff purchased shares of the Company at artificially inflated prices during the Class Period and has been damaged by Company's material misrepresentations and omissions of material facts.

- 15. Defendant Desktop Metal, Inc., is incorporated in the State of Delaware and has its headquarters in Burlington, Massachusetts. The Company's stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "DM".
- 16. Defendant Ric Fulop ("Fulop") is, and was at all relevant times, Desktop Metal's Chief Executive Officer.
- 17. Defendant James Haley ("Haley") is, and was at all relevant times, Desktop Metal's Chief Financial Officer.
- 18. Defendant Ali El-Siblani ("El-Siblani") was a director of the Company from February 2021 to November 2021 and CEO of EnvisionTEC from 2002 to November 2021.
- 19. Collectively, Fulop, Haley and El-Siblani are referred to throughout this complaint as the "Individual Defendants".
- 20. The Individual Defendants, because of their positions at the Company, possessed the power and authority to control the content and form of the Company's annual reports, quarterly reports, press releases, investor presentations, and other materials provided to the SEC, securities analysts, money and portfolio managers and investors, *i.e.*, the market. The Individual Defendants authorized the publication of the documents, presentations, and materials alleged herein to be misleading prior to its issuance and had the ability and opportunity to prevent the issuance of these false statements or to cause them to be corrected. Because of their positions with the Company and access to material non-public information available to them, but not to the public, the Individual Defendants knew that the adverse facts specified herein had not been disclosed to and were being concealed from the public and that the positive representations being made were false and misleading. The Individual Defendants are liable for the false statements pleaded herein.

SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS

Background

- 21. Desktop Metal purports to offer additive manufacturing, or 3D printing technologies focused on the production of end use parts. The Company claims to offer a portfolio of integrated 3D printing manufacturing solutions for engineers, designers and manufacturing comprised of hardware, software, materials and services.
- 22. On February 16, 2021, the Company acquired EnvisionTEC, a provider of volume production photopolymer 3D printing solutions for end use parts.

Materially False and Misleading Statements Issued During the Class Period

23. The Class Period begins on February 17, 2021. That morning, the Company issued a press release announcing the completion of the acquisition of EnvisionTEC, which stated in part:

BOSTON, MA (February 17, 2021) – Desktop Metal, Inc. (NYSE: DM), a leader in mass production and turnkey additive manufacturing solutions, today announced it has completed the previously announced acquisition of EnvisionTEC, a leading global provider of volume production photopolymer 3D printing solutions for enduse parts. The transaction is valued at \$300 million, consisting of a combination of cash and newly issued Desktop Metal stock.

EnvisionTEC will operate as a wholly owned subsidiary of Desktop Metal and continue to be led by founder Al Siblani, who will serve as Chief Executive Officer of the EnvisionTEC business.

"With EnvisionTEC now a part of Desktop Metal, we are well-positioned to offer customers a complete platform across polymers and metals focused on Additive Manufacturing 2.0 solutions for volume production of end-use parts." said Ric Fulop, CEO and co-founder of Desktop Metal. "Together, we have more than 200 distribution partners around the world that extend our reach into applications across fast-growing markets for additive manufacturing, such as dental, medical, and jewelry, in addition to doubling down on the broader industrial market. As we join forces, I'm more confident than ever we can accelerate the adoption of AM 2.0 and help customers transform how parts are made around the world."

As the original inventor of digital light processing (DLP) 3D printing technology, EnvisionTEC has one of the strongest intellectual property portfolios in the area-wide photopolymer 3D printing market, counting more than 140 issued and pending patents. The company has in excess of 190 qualified materials for its platforms and

more than 5,000 customers across a broad range of industries, including automotive, aerospace, medical devices, jewelry, and biofabrication. In addition, EnvisionTEC is a leader in the dental market, with over 1,000 dental customers now using its printers for pre-production and end-use parts in this segment.

EnvisionTEC also brings a compelling product portfolio for photopolymer additive manufacturing under Desktop Metal's umbrella, including the new Envision One and Xtreme 8K printing platforms designed to deliver high-speed and economic end-use parts production with exceptional accuracy and properties meeting or exceeding thermoplastics. The company is a pioneer in digital biofabrication additive manufacturing with its Bioplotter platform, which supports the production of biocompatible parts for medical applications such as bone regeneration, cartilage regeneration, soft tissue fabrication, drug release, and organ printing. In addition, Desktop Metal adds EnvisionTEC's robotic additive manufacturing (RAM) digital casting capabilities, which it plans to significantly advance using its proprietary and patent-pending Single Pass JettingTM technology originally developed for the Production SystemTM to drive productivity enhancements and improve part economics.

The acquisition more than doubles Desktop Metal's global distribution network, adding vertically focused partners in markets such as medical, dental, and jewelry, and increasing its geographic sales capabilities to 68 countries around the world.

24. On March 15, 2021 Desktop Metal filed its annual report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2020, which stated in pertinent part:

We may experience difficulties in integrating the operations of EnvisionTEC into our business and in realizing the expected benefits of the EnvisionTEC acquisition.

In February 2021, we acquired EnvisionTEC, Inc., or EnvisionTEC, and certain of its affiliates. Additional information about our acquisition of EnvisionTEC, which we refer to as the EnvisionTEC Acquisition, are set forth in "Note 21. Subsequent Events" to our consolidated financial statements in this Annual Report on Form 10K. The success of the EnvisionTEC Acquisition will depend in part on our ability to realize the anticipated business opportunities from combining the operations of EnvisionTEC with our business in an efficient and effective manner. The integration process could take longer than anticipated and could result in the loss of key employees, the disruption of each company's ongoing businesses, tax costs or inefficiencies, or inconsistencies in standards, controls, information technology systems, procedures and policies, any of which could adversely affect our ability to maintain relationships with customers, employees or other third parties, or our ability to achieve the anticipated benefits of the EnvisionTEC Acquisition, and could harm our financial performance. If we are unable to successfully or timely integrate the operations of EnvisionTEC with our business, we may incur

unanticipated liabilities and be unable to realize the revenue growth, synergies and other anticipated benefits resulting from the EnvisionTEC Acquisition, and our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

We have incurred significant costs in connection with the EnvisionTEC Acquisition. The substantial majority of these costs are non-recurring expenses related to the EnvisionTEC Acquisition. These non-recurring costs and expenses are reflected in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We may incur additional costs in the integration of EnvisionTEC's business, and may not achieve cost synergies and other benefits sufficient to offset the incremental costs of the EnvisionTEC Acquisition.

25. On May 17, 2021, Desktop Metal filed its quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2021 (the "1Q21 10-Q"). The 1Q21 10-Q stated: "EnvisionTEC's results are included in the Company's consolidated results for the period from February 16, 2021 to March 31, 2021. For this period, EnvisionTEC's net reveneues were approximately \$5.4 million and net lsos was approximately \$1.8 million." It also stated:

Total revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020 was \$11.3 million and \$3.4 million, respectively, an increase of \$7.9 million, or 234%. The increase in total revenue was attributable to an increase in revenue from both products and services.

We sold more products during the three months ended March 31, 2021 as compared to three months ended March 31, 2020, leading to an approximately 283% increase in product revenue. This was primarily due to product revenue from EnvisionTEC following the close of this acquisition. Additionally, we shipped more units during the first quarter of 2021 compared to the first quarter of 2020.

26. The 1Q21 10-Q further stated that there was a material weakness in the Company's internal control over financial reporting and that its disclosure controls and procedures were not effective. Specifically, the 1Q21 10-Q stated:

Background and Remediation of Material Weakness

In connection with our evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures covering our consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2020, we identified material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting. We have concluded that material weaknesses exist in our evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures, including internal control over financial reporting, as we do not have the necessary business processes, personnel and related internal controls to operate in a manner to satisfy the accounting and financial reporting requirements of a public company. These material weaknesses primarily manifested in the improper segregation of duties relating to the recording of journal entries and the reconciliation of key accounts, as well as the analysis of certain transactions and accounts, and the safeguarding of assets. We identified an additional material weakness related to the design and operating effectiveness of controls over our accounting for significant and complex accounting matters.

We are focused on designing and implementing effective internal controls measures to improve our evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures, including internal control over financial reporting, and remediate the material weaknesses. In order to remediate these material weaknesses, we have taken and plan to take the following actions:

- the hiring and continued hiring of additional accounting, finance and legal resources with public company experience; and
- implementation of additional review controls and processes requiring timely account reconciliation and analyses of certain transactions and accounts.

These actions and planned actions are subject to ongoing evaluation by management and will require testing and validation of design and operating effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting over future periods. We are committed to the continuous improvement of our internal control over financial reporting and will continue to review the internal controls over financial reporting.

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Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

On February 16, 2021, we completed the acquisition of EnvisionTEC. We are in the process of integrating EnvisionTEC into our system of internal control over financial reporting. Except for the material weaknesses noted above and the acquisition of EnvisionTEC, there were no changes to our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2021 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

27. On August 11, 2021, Desktop Metal filed its quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2021 (the "2Q21 10-Q"), which stated in part: "EnvisionTEC's results are included in the Company's consolidated results for the period from February 16, 2021 to June 30,

2021. For this period, EnvisionTEC's net revenues were approximately \$15.7 million and net loss was approximately \$4.8 million."

28. Like the 1Q21 10-Q, the 2Q21 10-Q stated that there was a material weakness in the Company's internal control over financial reporting and that its disclosure controls and procedures were not effective. Specifically, the Company stated:

Background and Remediation of Material Weakness

In connection with our evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures covering our consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2020, we identified material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting. We have concluded that material weaknesses exist in our evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures, including internal control over financial reporting, as we do not have the necessary business processes, personnel and related internal controls to operate in a manner to satisfy the accounting and financial reporting requirements of a public company. These material weaknesses primarily manifested in the improper segregation of duties relating to the recording of journal entries and the reconciliation of key accounts, as well as the analysis of certain transactions and accounts, and the safeguarding of assets. We identified an additional material weakness related to the design and operating effectiveness of controls over our accounting for significant and complex accounting matters.

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- the hiring and continued hiring of additional accounting, finance and legal resources with public company experience; and
- implementation of additional review controls and processes requiring timely account reconciliation and analyses of certain transactions and accounts.

These actions and planned actions are subject to ongoing evaluation by management and will require testing and validation of design and operating effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting over future periods. We are committed to the continuous improvement of our internal control over financial reporting and will continue to review the internal controls over financial reporting.

29. The statements identified above in paragraphs 23-28 were materially false and and/or misleading and failed to disclose material adverse facts about the Company's business, operations, and prospects. Specfically, Defendants failed to disclose to investors: (1) that there were deficiencies in EnvisionTEC's manufacturing and product compliance practices and procedures; (2) that the foregoing deficiencies presented a material risk to the commercialization of EnvisionTEC's products; and (3) that, as a result of the foregoing, Defendants' positive statemeths about the Company's business, operations, and prospects were materially misleading and/or lacked a reasonable basis.

The Truth Emerges

30. On November 8, 2021, after the market closed, Desktop Metal disclosed that it was conducting an internal investigation into certain maters, including "manufacturing and product compliance practices and procedures with respect to a subset of its photopolymer equipment and materials at its EnvisionTec US LLC facility." In a Form 8-K filed with the SEC, the Company stated:

On November 4, 2021, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Desktop Metal, Inc. (the "Company") engaged a third party to conduct an independent internal investigation as a result of a whistleblower complaint relating to, among other matters, manufacturing and product compliance practices and procedures with respect to a subset of its photopolymer equipment and materials at its EnvisionTec US LLC facility in Dearborn, Michigan. While the investigation remains on-going, the Company has taken initial actions, including implementing changes in the management of and procedures associated with manufacturing the applicable products. Based on the investigation to date, the Company does not believe the matters involved will have a material impact on the Company, its financial statements or its business.

31. Also on November 8, 2021, the Company stated that defendant El-Siblani had resigned as CEO of EnvisionTEC and as a director of Desktop Metal.

- 32. On this news, the Company's stock fell \$0.39, or 4% to close at \$8.81 per share on November 9, 2021.
- 33. Then, on November 15, 2021, after the market closed, the Company disclosed that it would notify the FDA of "compliance issues with certain shipments of EnvisionTEC's Flexcera dental resins and its PCA4000 curing box." Specifically, the Company stated:

On November 4, 2021, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors engaged a third party to conduct an independent internal investigation as a result of a whistleblower complaint relating to, among other matters, manufacturing and product compliance practices and procedures with respect to a subset of its photopolymer equipment and materials at its EnvisionTec US LLC facility in Dearborn, Michigan. While the investigation remains on-going, the Company has taken initial actions, including implementing changes in the management of and procedures associated with manufacturing the applicable products. Based on the investigation to date, the Company does not believe the matters involved will have a material impact on the Company, its financial statements or its business.

On November 5, 2021, Ali El Siblani notified the Company of his intent to resign as a member of the Company's Board of Directors and as an employee of the Company in his role as Chief Executive Officer of EnvisionTec US LLC. The decision of Mr. Siblani was not the result of any disagreement relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

As of November 12, 2021, based on compliance issues with certain shipments of EnvisionTEC's Flexcera dental resins and its PCA4000 curing box, the Company has determined that it will notify the FDA and consult with them on the appropriate voluntary market action with respect to these products. The Company does not expect the costs of any such market action to have a material impact on its financial statements.

34. On this news, the Company's stock fell \$1.19, or 15%, to close at \$6.83 per share on November 16, 2021, on unusually heavy trading volume.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

35. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of a class of all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired the Company's common stock between February 17, 2021 and November 15, 2021,

inclusive. Excluded from the Class are Defendants, directors and officers of the Company, as well as their families and affiliates.

- 36. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. Throughout the Class Period, Desktop Metal's shares actively traded on the NYSE. While the exact number of Class members is unknown to Plaintiff at this time, Plaintiff believes that there are at least hundereds or thousands of members in the proposed Class. Millions of Desktop Metal shares were traded on the NYSE during the Class Period.
- 37. There is a well-defined community of interest in the questions of law and fact involved in this case. Questions of law and fact common to the members of the Class which predominate over questions which may affect individual Class members include:
 - a. Whether the Exchange Act was violated by Defendants;
 - b. Whether Defendants omitted and/or misrepresented material facts;
 - c. Whether Defendants' statements omitted material facts necessary in order to make
 the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not
 misleading;
 - d. Whether Defendants knew or recklessly disregarded that their statements were false and misleading;
 - e. Whether the price of the Company's stock was artificially inflated; and
 - f. The extent of damage sustained by Class members and the appropriate measure of damages.
- 38. Plaintiff's claims are typical of those of the Class because Plaintiff and the Class sustained damages from Defendants' wrongful conduct alleged herein.

- 39. Plaintiff will adequately protect the interests of the Class and has retained counsel who are experienced in class action securities litigation. Plaintiff has no interests that conflict with those of the Class.
- 40. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy.

FRAUD ON THE MARKET

- 41. Plaintiff will rely upon the presumption of reliance established by the fraud-on-the-market doctrine that, among other things:
 - Defendants made public misrepresentations or failed to disclose material facts during the Class Period;
 - b. The omissions and misrepresentations were material;
 - c. The Company's common stock traded in efficient markets;
 - d. The misrepresentations alleged herein would tend to induce a reasonable investor to misjudge the value of the Company's common stock; and
 - e. Plaintiff and other members of the class purchased the Company's common stock between the time Defendants misrepresented or failed to disclose material facts and the time that the true facts were disclosed, without knowledge of the misrepresented or omitted facts.
- 42. At all relevant times, the markets for the Company's stock were efficient for the following reasons, among others: (i) the Company filed periodic public reports with the SEC; and (ii) the Company regularly communicated with public investors via established market communication mechanisms, including through regular disseminations of press releases on the major news wire services and through other wide-ranging public disclosures such as communications with the financial press, securities analysts, and other similar reporting services.

Plaintiff and the Class relied on the price of the Company's common stock, which reflected all information in the market, including the misstatements by Defendants.

NO SAFE HARBOR

- 43. The statutory safe harbor provided for forward-looking statements under certain conditions does not apply to any of the allegedly false statements pleaded in this Complaint. The specific statements pleaded herein were not identified as forward-looking statements when made.
- 44. To the extent there were any forward-looking statements, there were no meaningful cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the purportedly forward-looking statements.

LOSS CAUSATION

- 45. The Company's November 8, 2021 disclosure caused the Company's stock to fall on \$0.39, or 4% to close at \$8.81 per share on November 9, 2021.
- 46. The Company's November 15, 2021 disclosure caused the Company's stock to fall \$1.19, or 15%, to close at \$6.83 per share on November 16, 2021, on unusually heavy trading volume.

<u>Count I</u> Violation of § 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 Promulgated Thereunder (Against All Defendants)

- 47. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained above as if fully set forth herein.
- 48. During the Class Period, Defendants disseminated or approved the false statements specified above, which they knew or deliberately disregarded were misleading in that they contained misrepresentations and failed to disclose material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

- 49. Defendants violated § 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 in that they (i) employed devices, schemes, and artifices to defraud; (ii) made untrue statements of material fact and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading; and (iii) engaged in acts, practices, and a course of business which operated as a fraud and deceit upon those who purchased or otherwise acquired the Company's securities during the Class Period.
- 50. Plaintiff and the Class have suffered damages in that, in reliance on the integrity of the market, they paid artificially inflated prices for the Company's common stock. Plaintiff and the Class would not have purchased the Company's common stock at the price paid, or at all, if they had been aware that the market prices had been artificially and falsely inflated by Defendants' misleading statements.

Count II Violation of § 20(a) of the Exchange Act (Against The Individual Defendants)

- 51. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained above as if fully set forth herein.
- 52. The Individual Defendants acted as controlling persons of the Company within the meaning of § 20(a) of the Exchange Act as alleged herein. By virtue of their high-level positions at the Company, the Individual Defendants had the power and authority to cause or prevent the Company from engaging in the wrongful conduct complained of herein. The Individual Defendants were provided with or had unlimited access to the documents where false or misleading statements were made and other statements alleged by Plaintiffs to be false or misleading both prior to and immediately after their publication, and had the ability to prevent the issuance of those materials or to cause them to be corrected so as not to be misleading.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment, as follows:

(a) determining that this action is a proper class action pursuant to Rule 23(a)

and 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of the Class as defined herein, and

a certification of Plaintiff as class representative pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil

Procedure and appointment of Plaintiff's counsel as Lead Counsel;

(b) awarding compensatory and punitive damages in favor of Plaintiff and the

other class members against all Defendants, jointly and severally, for all damages sustained as a

result of Defendants' wrongdoing, in an amount to be proven at trial, including pre-judgment and

post-judgment interest thereon;

(c) awarding Plaintiff and other members of the Class their costs and expenses

in this litigation, including reasonable attorneys' fees and experts' fees and other costs and

disbursements; and

(d) awarding Plaintiff and the other Class members such other relief as this

Court may deem just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury in this action of all issues so triable.

February 2, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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